

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a future satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice of NON support to the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will hurt consumers like me who don't have a lot of money. Also there won't be any new television technologies because of this merger. Once DISHnet takes over the won't need to develop new ideas.

By merging, the combined company will be a much stronger monopoly and will hurt little people, cable television is already a monopoly. Because of the government. I feel separate companies and offer more programming choices if the merger is stopped. Each company would be forced to compete for people's business which is a good thing.

In the interest of improving our access to competitive television I urge you to lend your support and STOP this merger.

Sincerely,

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